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Wildfire Satellites and Products

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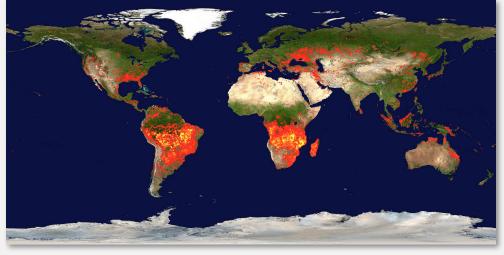
Lecture Outline

- Wildfire Satellites Review
 - Landsat
 - MODIS
 - Suomi NPP (VIIRS)
 - GOES
- NOAA Fire and Smoke Products
 - WF-ABBA
 - FIMMA
 - HMS
- NASA Fire and Smoke Products
 - MODIS Products
 - FIRMS
 - VIIRS Active Fire Mapper



Left: Smoke and wildfire locations in Northern California from the MODIS satellite on August 5, 2015

Below: Fire hot spot locations globally from MODIS

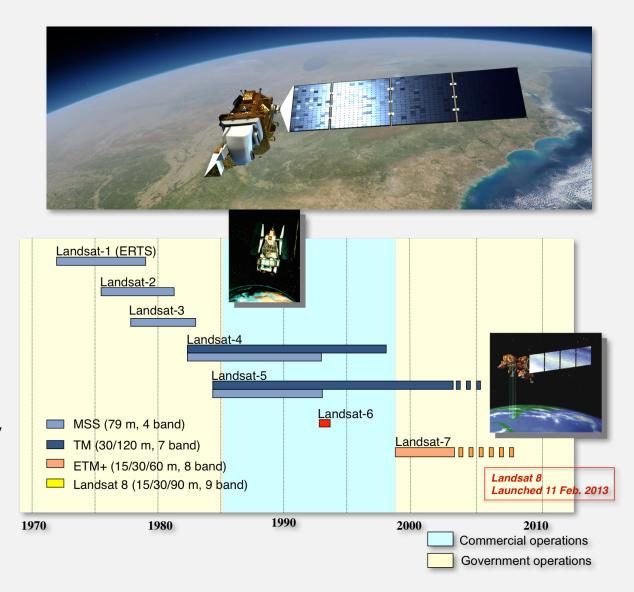






Landsat

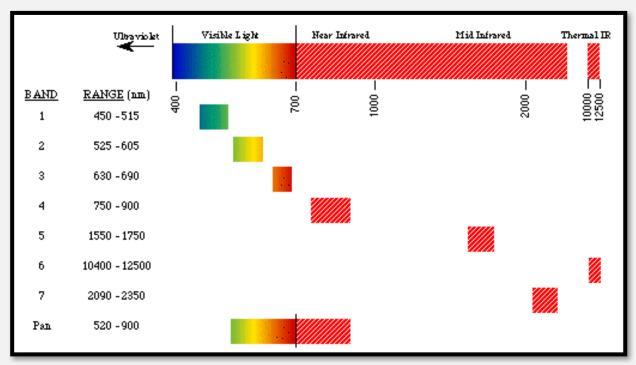
- First Landsat launched in 1972
- Landsat 8 launched in 2013
- NASA created and launched
 - USGS maintains data
- Passive sensor: obtains values of reflectance from Earth's surface
- 30 meter pixels, 15 meter panchromatic band
- Entire image of the Earth every 16 days





Spectral Characteristics of Landsat

- Landsat instruments measure primarily light that is reflected from Earth's surface (with one exception)
- Landsat instruments are designed to detect visible and infrared (near and mid) wavelengths



Landsat bands of ETM+ (Landsat 7)

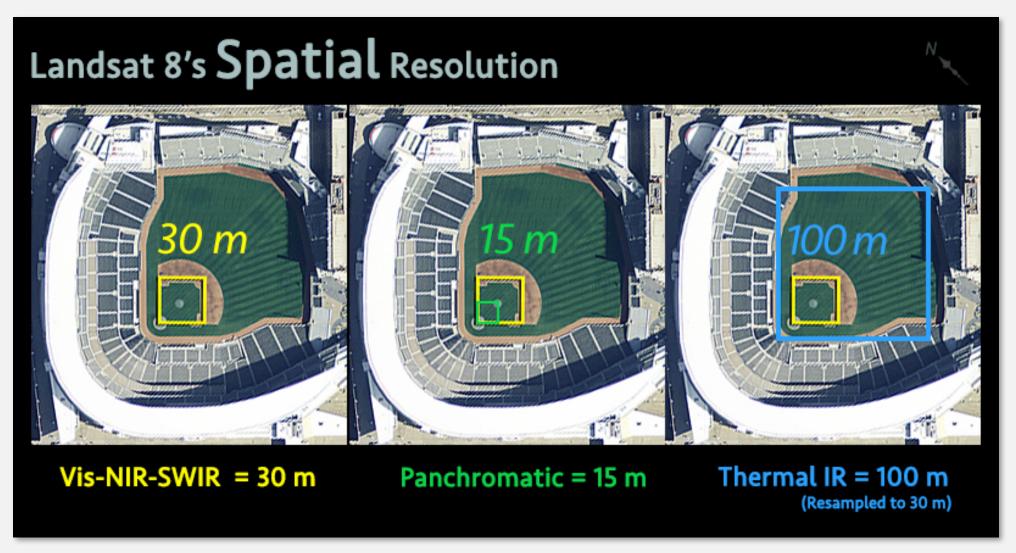


Landsat Bands

| Landsat-7 ETM+ Bands (μm) | | | Landsat-8 OLI and <i>TIRS</i> Bands (μm) | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------|
| | | | 30 m Coastal/Aerosol | 0.435 - 0.451 | Band 1 |
| Band 1 | 30 m Blue | 0.441 - 0.514 | 30 m Blue | 0.452 - 0.512 | Band 2 |
| Band 2 | 30 m Green | 0.519 - 0.601 | 30 m Green | 0.533 - 0.590 | Band 3 |
| Band 3 | 30 m Red | 0.631 - 0.692 | 30 m Red | 0.636 - 0.673 | Band 4 |
| Band 4 | 30 m NIR | 0.772 - 0.898 | 30 m NIR | 0.851 - 0.879 | Band 5 |
| Band 5 | 30 m SWIR-1 | 1.547 - 1.749 | 30 m SWIR-1 | 1.566 - 1.651 | Band 6 |
| Band 6 | 60 m TIR | 10.31 - 12.36 | 100 m TIR-1 | 10.60 – 11.19 | Band 10 |
| | | | 100 m TIR-2 | 11.50 – 12.51 | Band 11 |
| Band 7 | 30 m SWIR-2 | 2.064 - 2.345 | 30 m SWIR-2 | 2.107 - 2.294 | Band 7 |
| Band 8 | 15 m Pan | 0.515 - 0.896 | 15 m Pan | 0.503 - 0.676 | Band 8 |
| | | | 30 m Cirrus | 1.363 - 1.384 | Band 9 |

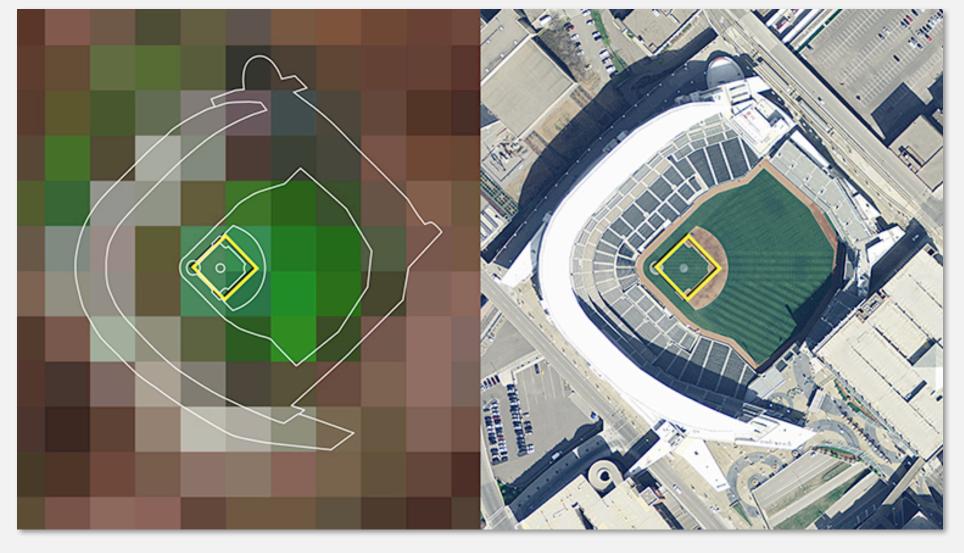


Landsat Spatial Resolution



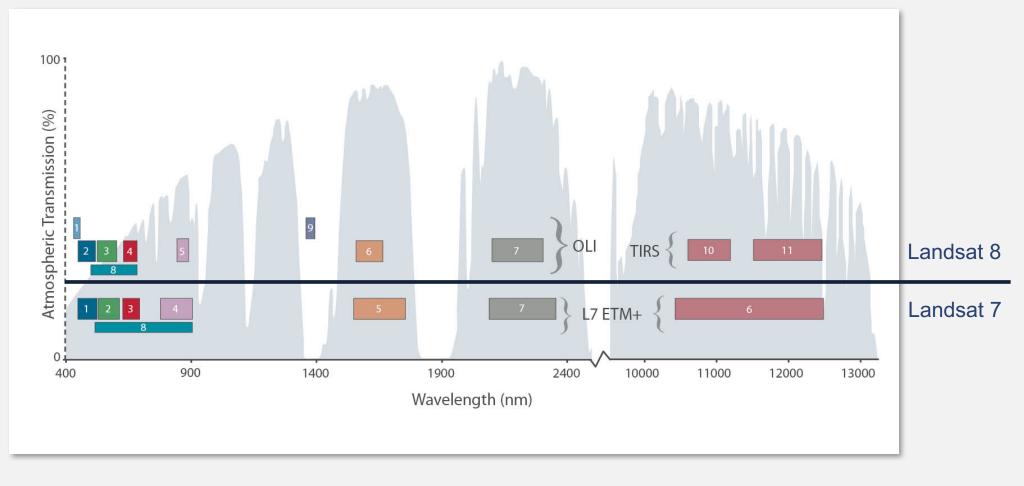


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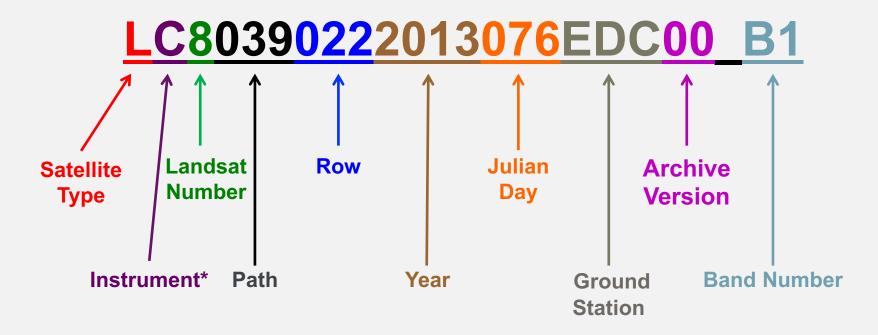


Landsat Bands





Landsat Naming Convention



*Instrument can be C: Combined, OLI: Operational Land Imager, or TIS: Thermal Infrared System

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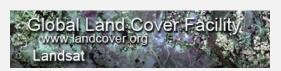
Where to Obtain Landsat Images



LandsatLook Viewer: http://landsatlook.usgs.gov/



GloVis: http://glovis.usgs.gov/



Global Land Cover Facility: http://glcf.umd.edu/data/landsat/



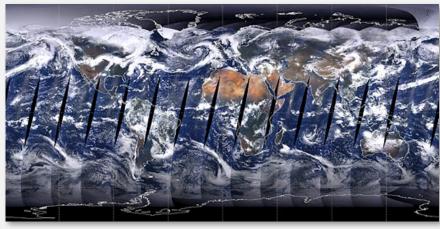
Earth Explorer: http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/



MODIS

- Spatial Resolution
 - 250 m, 500 m, 1 km
- Temporal Resolution
 - Daily, 8 day, 16 day, monthly, quarterly, yearly
 - 2000-present
- Data Format
 - Hierarchal data format Earth Observing System Format (HDF–EO8)
- Spectral Coverage
 - 36 bands (major bands include red, blue, IR, NIR, MIR)
 - Bands 1-2: 250 m
 - Bands 3-7: 500 m
 - Bands 8-36: 1000 m

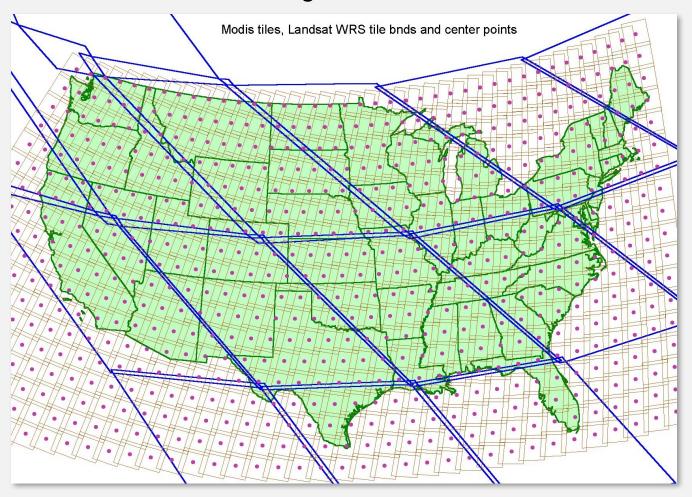






MODIS vs. Landsat Images

Large swaths!

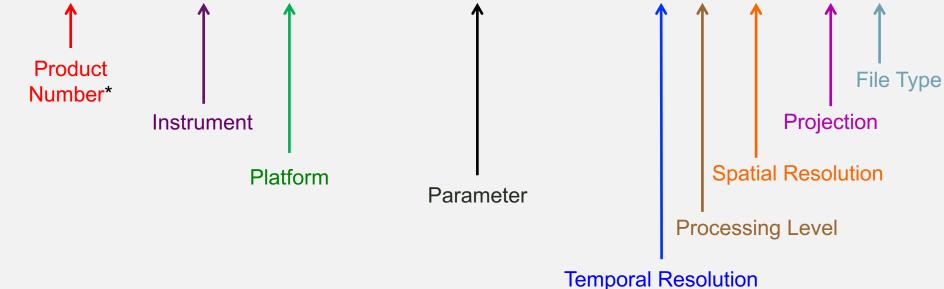




MODIS Naming Convention

MODIS file names follow a naming convention that gives useful information regarding the specific product. For example:

MOD09A1MODISTerraSurfaceReflectance8-dayL3500mSINGrid



*Note: MOD – Terra; MYD – Aqua; MCD – Combined



MODIS Land Products

| MODIS Name (Short) | Product Name | Spatial Resolution (m) | Temporal |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| MOD 09 | Surface Reflectance | 500 | 8-day |
| MOD 11 | Land Surface Temperature | 1000 | Daily, 8-day |
| MOD 12 | Land Cover/Change | 500 | 8-day, Yearly |
| MOD 13 | Vegetation Indices | 250-1000 | 16 day, monthly |
| MOD 14 | Thermal Anomalies/Fire | 1000 | Daily, 8-day |
| MOD 15 | Leaf Area Index/Fraction of Absorbed Photosynthetically Active Radiation (FPAR) | 1000 | 4-day, 8-day |
| MOD 16 | Evapotranspiration | | |
| MOD 17 | Primary Production | 1000 | 8-day, yearly |
| MOD 43 | Bidirectional reflectance distribution function (BRDF) /Albedo | 500-1000 | 16-day |
| MOD 44 | Vegetation Continuous Fields | 250 | yearly |
| MOD 45 | Burned Area | 500 | monthly |
| | | | |



Where to Obtain MODIS Products



Land Process Distributed Active Archive (LPDAAC) http://lpdaac.usgs.gov/



ECHO Reverb: http://reverb.echo.nasa.gov



Worldview (Fires, Land Surface Temperature and Snow Cover): https://earthdata.nasa.gov/labs/worldview

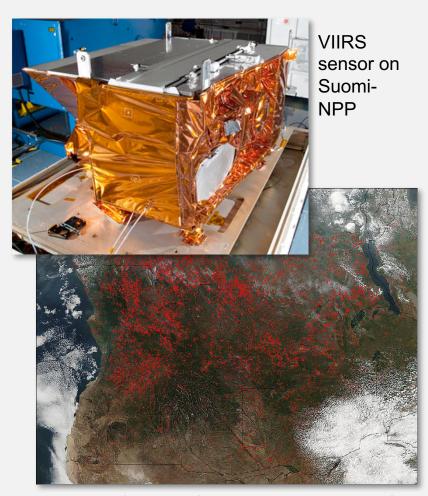


Fire Information for Resource Management System (FIRMS): https://earthdata.nasa.gov/data/near-real-time-data/firms



Suomi NPP: VIIRS

- Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS): instrument aboard Suomi National Polarorbiting Partnership (NPP)
- Collects visible and infrared imagery and radiometric measurements
- Launched 2012
 - NOAA took control of operations in 2013
- Daily temporal resolution
 - Global coverage
- Spatial resolution
 - 5 high resolution bands: 375 m
 - 16 moderate resolution bands: 750 m
 - 1 day/night band: can observe fires at night
- Active Fires
 - Detects thermal anomalies (day & night)
 - Fire radiative power (FRP)



Fires in Central Africa acquired with VIIRS on Suomi-NPP on June 13, 2016 (Image credit: NASA, courtesy of Jeff Schmaltz)



Where to Obtain VIIRS Land Products

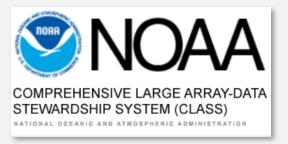


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VIIRS Active Fire:

http://viirsfire.geog.umd.edu/pages/about.php



NOAA Comprehensive Large Array-Data Stewardship System (CLASS): http://www.class.ngdc.noaa.gov/saa/products/welcome



Level-1 and Atmosphere Archive & Distribution System Website: http://ladsweb.nascom.nasa.gov



GOES (Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites)

- Operated by the NOAA
- Provides data on atmospheric conditions and solar activity
- Geostationary: Fixed position in the sky
- Operates from 2 primary locations
 - GOES East (75° W) for U.S.
 - GOES West (135° W)
- Infrared and visible data
- Resolution:
 - Spatial: 1 km to 16 km (depending on channel)
 - Every 15 minutes





Recent GOES East USA Image



Where to Obtain GOES Images & Products



NOAA GOES Imagery at a Glance:

http://www.goes.noaa.gov/



NOAA CLASS:

http://www.class.ngdc.noaa.gov/saa/products/welcome



Interactive Global Geostationary Weather Satellite Images: http://www.ghcc.msfc.nasa.gov/GOES/

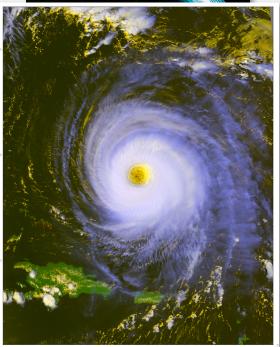


AVHRR (Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer)

- Operated by NOAA
- Sensor carried on Polar-Operating Environmental Satellites (POES)
- Infrared and visible data
- Uses:
 - Radiance data for clouds
 - Land-water boundaries
 - Snow and ice extent
 - Surface temperature
- Resolution:
 - Spatial: 1 km
 - Temporal: Global coverage twice per day

AVHRR Image of Hurricane Isabel 2003









- Burn Severity:
 - Degree to which a site has been altered or disrupted by fire
 - Loosely, a product of fire intensity and residence time
 - The effect of a fire on ecosystem properties, often defined by the degree of mortality of vegetation
- How do we connect pixels in a satellite image to burn severity?
 - Use spectral properties

Left: Landsat image from September 15, 2016. False color image shows extent of the Soberanes Fire in California

Right: Post-wildfire landscape. Image Credit: Bcasterline









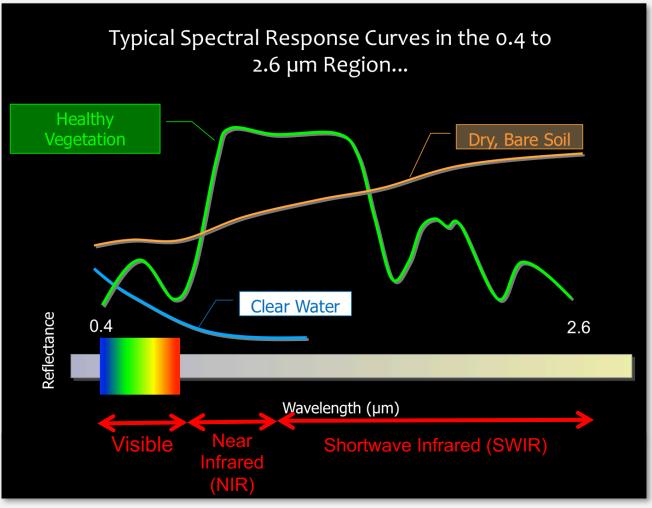


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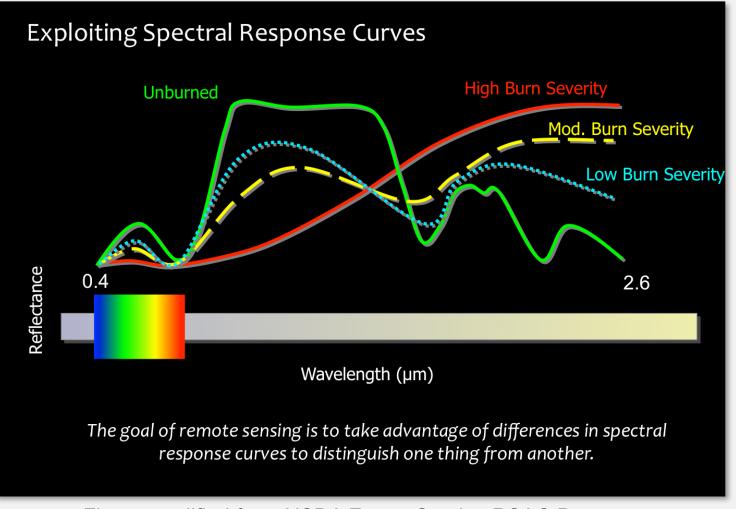


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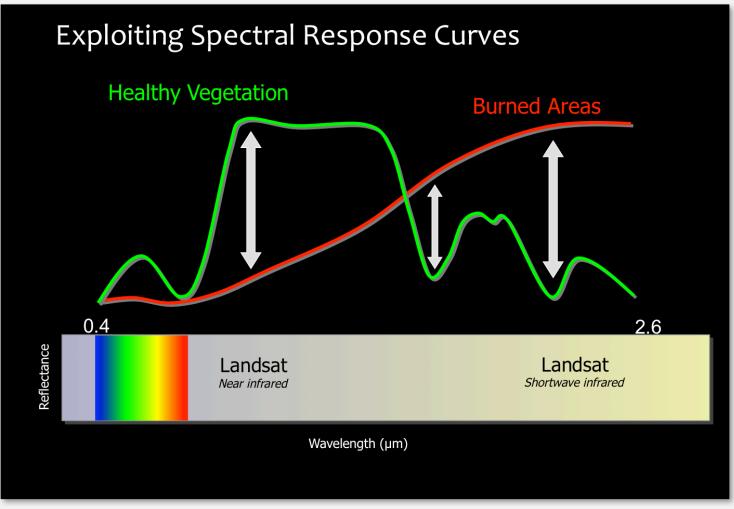


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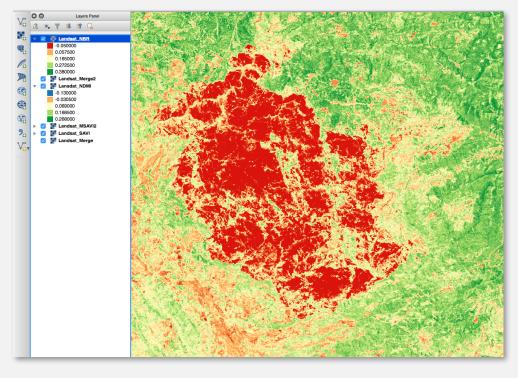


Normalized Burn Ratio

- Used to identify burned areas
- Compare pre- and post-burn to identify burn extent and severity
- Use Band 7 for SWIR in Landsat 8 images
- Can be used to create a Burned Area Reflectance Classification (BARC)
 - Input to a Burn Severity Map

Example of NBR using Landsat in QGIS software. This is the NBR of the Rim Fire in California from August 2013

$$NBR = \frac{\left(NIR - SWIR\right)}{NIR + SWIR}$$

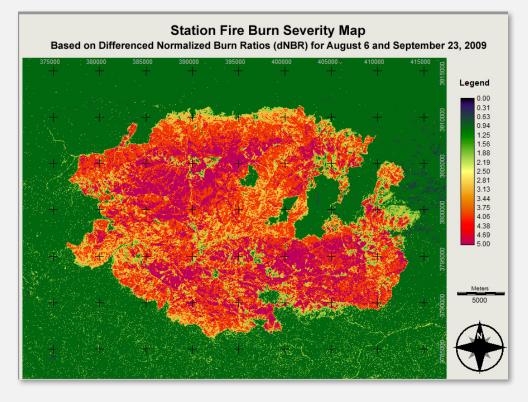




- Need at least 2 images:
 - One pre-burn
 - One post-burn
- 1. Create NBR for each image
- 2. Subtract post-fire image from prefire image
- 3. Evaluate differenced map

Example of dNBR from the Station fire in Angeles National Forest from August-September 2009. Image Credit: Irene Nester

$$dNBR = NBR_{prefire} - NBR_{postfire}$$





Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity

http://www.mtbs.gov/

- Project designed to consistently map burn severity and fire perimeters across the U.S.
 - Partnership between USGS & USDA Forest Service
- Remote sensing and ground-based assessments
- Outputs
 - NBR from Landsat (pre- and post-fire)
 - Differenced NBR (dNBR)
 - Classification of burn severity
 - Based on pre and post imagery, plot data,
 & analyst's experience with fire behavior
 - Fire Perimeter
 - Geospatial Metadata



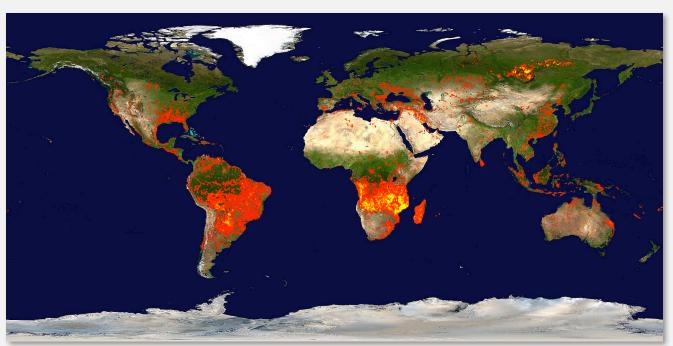
MTBS Data search





MODIS Fire Products

- Near Real-Time Thermal Anomalies and Fire Locations
- Provides snapshots of active burning fires and burned areas
- The Active Fire product delivers actively burning locations on a daily basis at 1 km resolution (additional 8 day and monthly products)



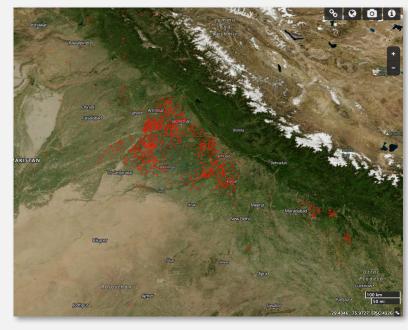
Global Fire Map (September 17– September 26, 2016)

Colors range from red, where the fire count is low, to yellow where the number of fires is large



MODIS: Thermal Anomalies Algorithm

- MODIS Fire Detect: Represents the center of a 1 km pixel flagged as containing one or more fires within the pixel
 - Can also detect volcanic signatures
- Looks for significant increase in absolute radiance at 4μm (band 22) and 11μm (band 31)
 - Sun glint removed and cloud masks applied
 - VIIRS Active Fire Detect Algorithm similar
- Potential fire pixel:
 - Daytime > 305 K
 - Nighttime > 310 K
- Limitations
 - False positives: small forest clearings (bare soil)
 - Large fire omissions due thick smoke
 - Collection 6 (most recent) improves upon these errors
 - Global commission error of 1.2%



MODIS fire detects from NASA Worldview



MODIS Land Products: Burned Area (MCD45A1)

- The combined Terra & Aqua MODIS Burned Area Product is a monthly gridded 500m product
- MODIS detects the approximate date of burning at 500m resolution
- Maps include the spatial extent of recent fires
- For more information: http://modis-fire.umd.edu

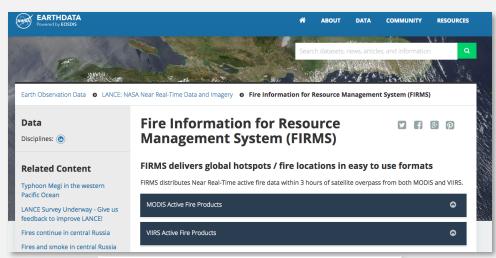


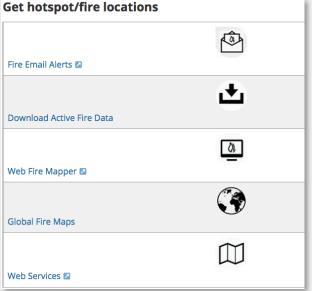
This image shows the extent of the Long Draw fire that occurred in southeastern Oregon. The colors represent the approximate day of the burning from July 8 (start of fire) to July 12, 2012 (end of fire)



Fire Information for Resource Management System (FIRMS)

- Distributes near real-time (NRT) active fire data within 3 hours of satellite overpass
- Delivers global MODIS and VIIRS hotspots/fire locations and MODIS burned area images
- Provides historical data (older than 7 days) using the Archive Download Tool
- Available in various formats:
 - Email alerts
 - GIS-friendly file format
 - Visualization in Web Fire Mapper or Worldview
- Exercise on this tool in upcoming session







VIIRS Active Fire Product

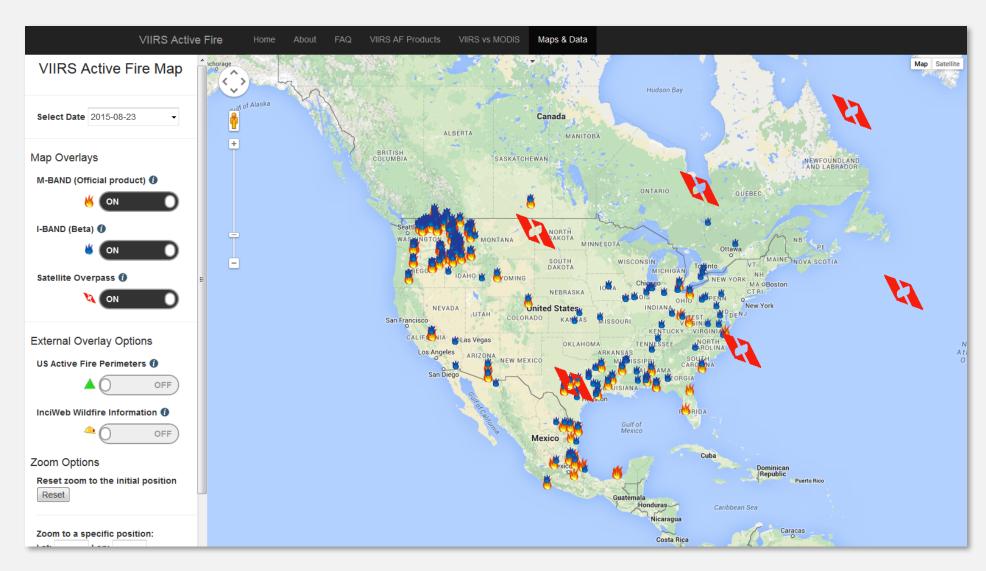
- Released October 22, 2012
- Spatial resolution:
 - 750m (M-band)
 - 375m (I-band)
- Data are still preliminary (i.e. Beta) and continue to undergo evaluation & calibration
- Data available as:
 - ASCII PNG (I-band only)
 - KMZ– GeoTIFF (I-band only)
 - TIFFKML (I-band only)



Northern California fires 2015

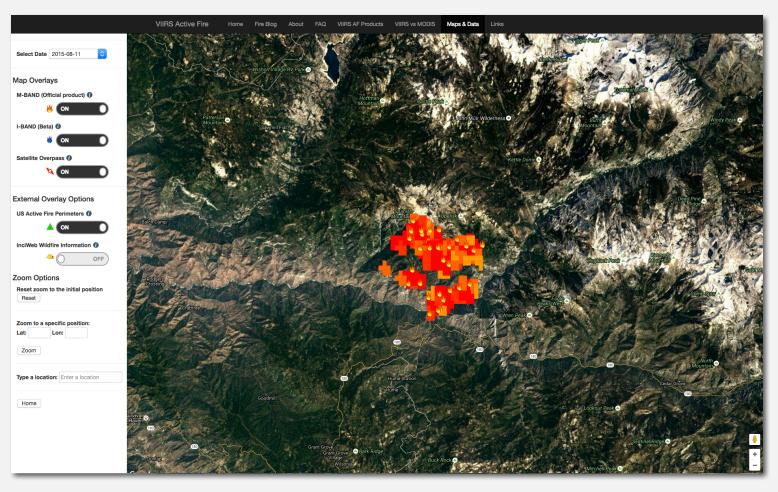


VIIRS Active Fire Map (CONUS)





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The Rough Fire near Kings Canyon National Park. Image: August 11, 2015, identifies fire locations (thermal anomalies from VIIRS) and Active Fire Perimeters (US Forest Service).

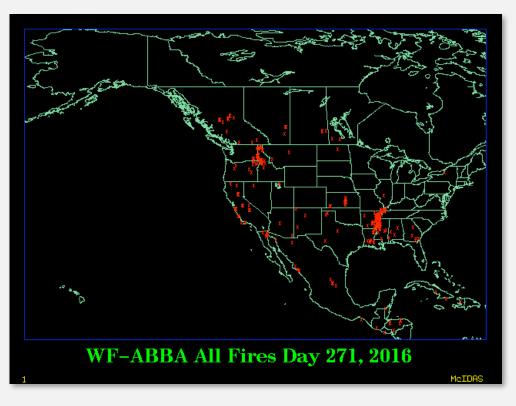




Wildfire Automated Biomass Burning Algorithm (WF-ABBA)

http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/PS/FIRE/Layers/ABBA/abba.html

- Developed in collaboration with the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Studies (CIMSS), University of Wisconsin
- Uses the GOES Imager to detect and monitor fires throughout the Western Hemisphere
- Product is run half-hourly
- Minimum detectable fire size: .5 to 1 acre
- Data are available for download:
 ASCII, GIS and graphic formats
- This product has NOT been quality controlled



The red "X's" indicate hot spots

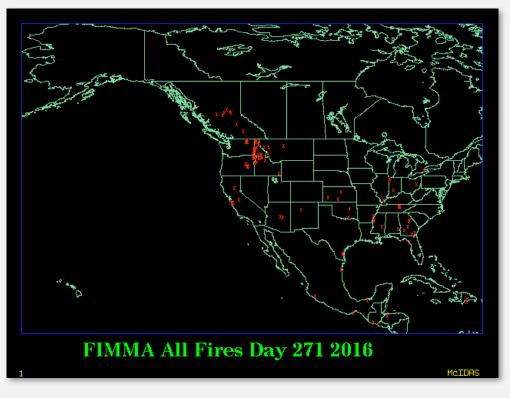
Fire locations represent the approximate location of the fire pixel, not the actual fire size.



Fire ID, Mapping, & Monitoring Algorithm (FIMMA)

http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/PS/FIRE/Layers/FIMMA/fimma.html

- Detects fires from AVHRR
- Data are available near real-time, approximately 3-6 hours after satellite overpass
- This algorithm is only accurate over forested regions
- Data are available for download in ASCII, GIS and graphic formats
- This product has NOT been quality controlled



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NOAA Hazard Mapping System Fire & Smoke Product (HMS)

http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/land/hms.html

- Shows detected hot spots, smoke plumes and estimated smoke concentrations
- Blended product from GOES, POES AVHRR and MODIS
- Spatial resolution: 4 km
- Product provided once daily

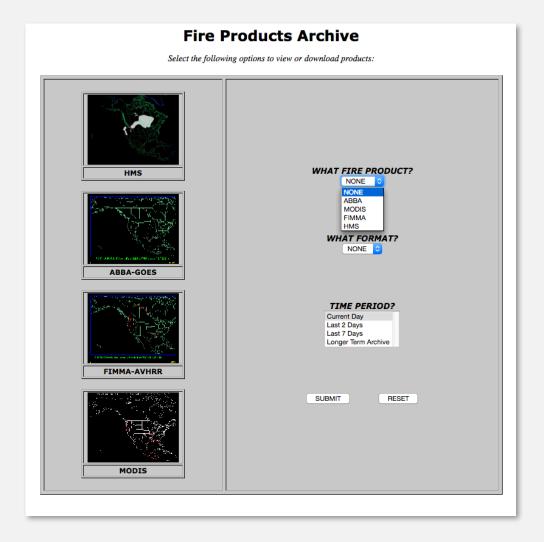




NOAA Fire Product Archive

http://satepsanone.nesdis.noaa.gov/FIRE/fire.html

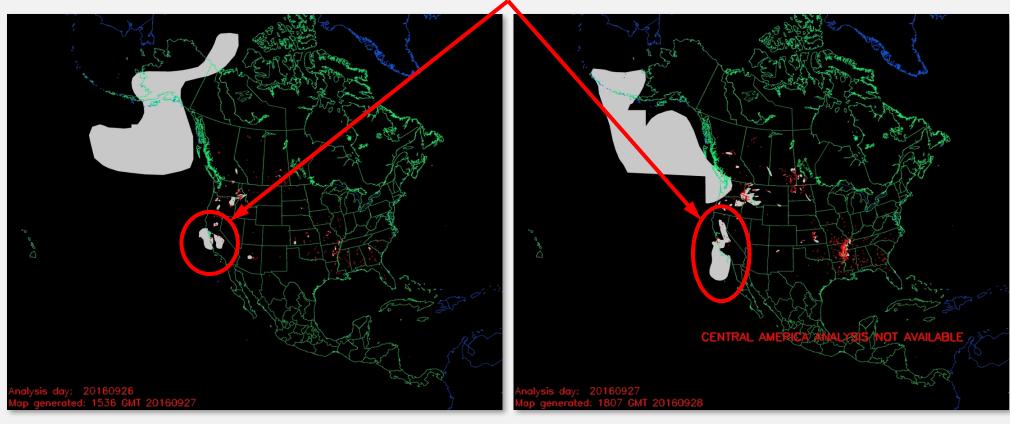
- Archive of fire products for up to 90 days
- Products include ABBA, FIMMA, HMS and MODIS
- Available in various formats: graphic, text, GIS and KML





HMS Fire & Smoke Analysis: Example

California Fires



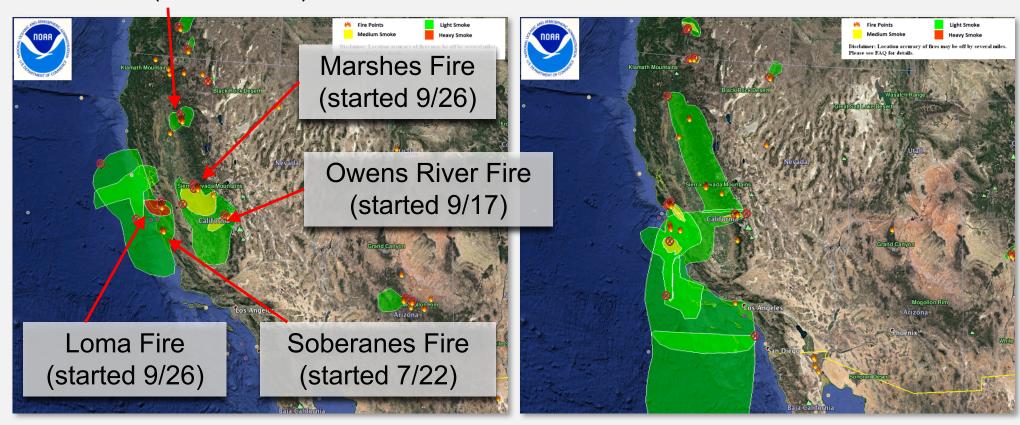
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HMS Fire & Smoke Analysis: Example

Tobin Fire (started 9/26)



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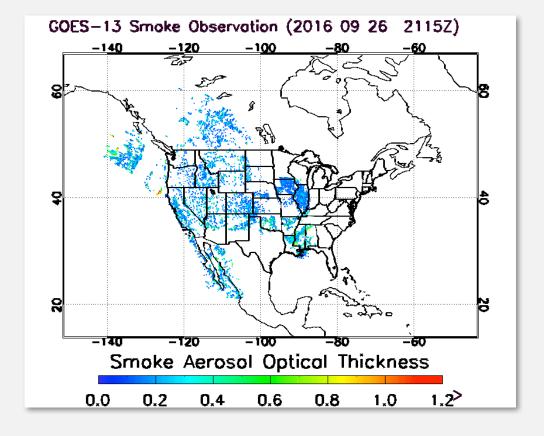
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GOES Aerosol Smoke Products (GASP)

http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/PS/FIRE/ASDTA/asdta.html

- Provides aerosol optical depth (AOD) using GOES
- Available at 30 min intervals
- Not retrieved where clouds are present
- Pattern recognition technique for plumes transported long distances







U.S. Forest Service Active Fire Mapping Program

http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/index.php

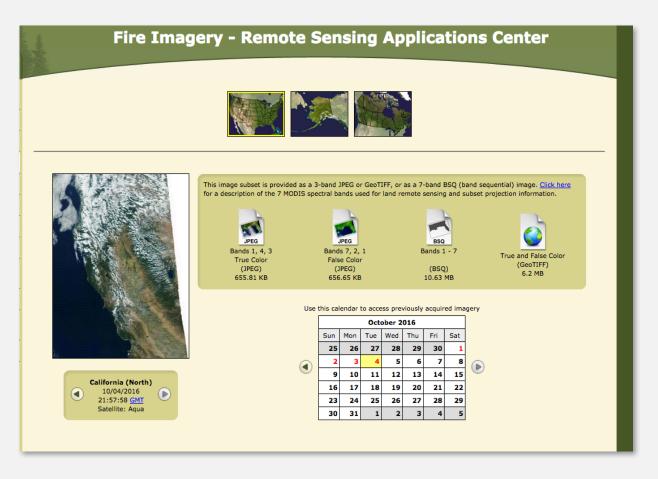
- Satellite detection and monitoring of wildfire activity in CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii and Canada
- Leverage NASA and NOAA assets:
 - GOES, AVHRR, MODIS, VIIRS
- Provision of comprehensive,
 NRT data are essential
- Facilitates decision support for strategic planning and response for U.S. and Canadian fire agencies





MODIS & VIIRS Data Subsets

- Daily imagery subset into different regions of the Contiguous US, Alaska, and Canada
- Scroll through daily thumbnail images
- Obtain true color and false color jpeg images
- Obtain true and false color GeoTIFF files
- Can download data as shapefile on the "Fire Detection in GIS" page





Fire Detection in Google Earth

- Obtain KML files using MODIS, VIIRS, Landsat, AVHRR, and GOES data
- Data Available
 - Fire Detections
 - Fire Radiative Power (intensity)
 - Large Incidents
 - Fire Weather
- Links for current (last updated) and historical data
- Animations of latest data also available

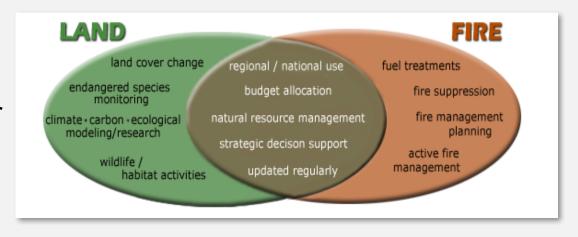




LANDFIRE

http://www.landfire.gov

- Joint program between wildland fire management programs of USDA Forest Service and US Department of Interior
- Provides consistent and comprehensive geospatial data for vegetation, wildland fuel, and fire regimes in the U.S.
 - Data and reports
 - Videos and tutorials
 - Decision-making tools



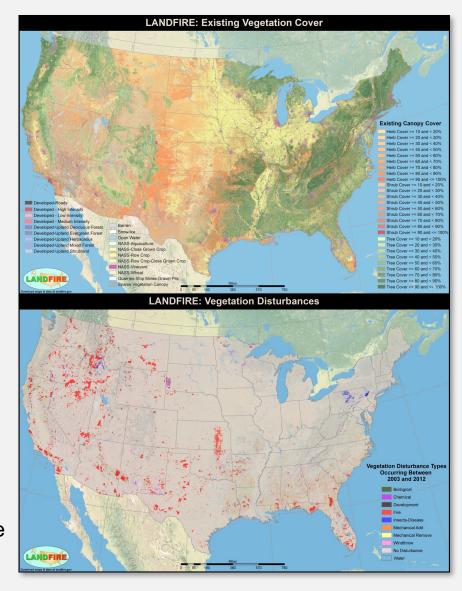




LANDFIRE Products

- Products
 - Delivered at 30 m spatial resolution
 - Available from 1999-present
- Vegetation data layers using Landsat imagery
- Fuel and Fire Regime data layers
 - Fire behavior and fuel loading models
- Disturbance data
 - Fuel, vegetation, natural, and prescribed disturbance by type and year

Current vegetation cover map (top) and vegetation disturbances map from 2003 to 2012 (bottom) available at LANDFIRE. Image Credit: U.S. Forest Service.

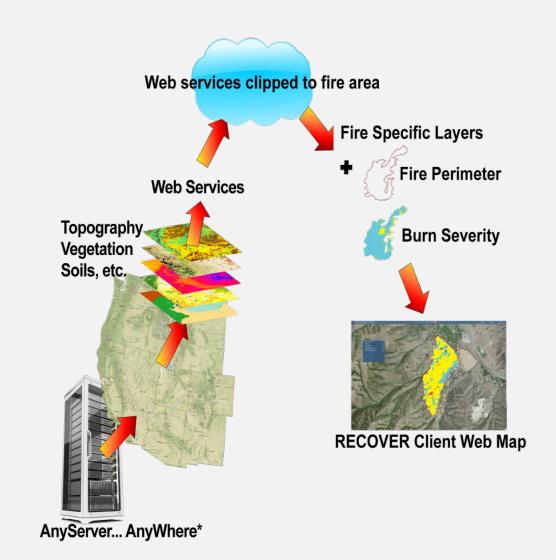




RECOVER

http://giscenter.isu.edu/research/Techpg/nasa RECOVER

- RECOVER: Rehabilitation Capability Convergence for Ecosystem Recovery
- Operated at the Idaho State
 University GIS training and research center
- NASA Applied Sciences Program sponsored project
- Decision Support System (DSS)
 - Rapid assembly of site-specific data
 - Delivered in customized GIS analysis environment
 - Wildfire focus





RECOVER

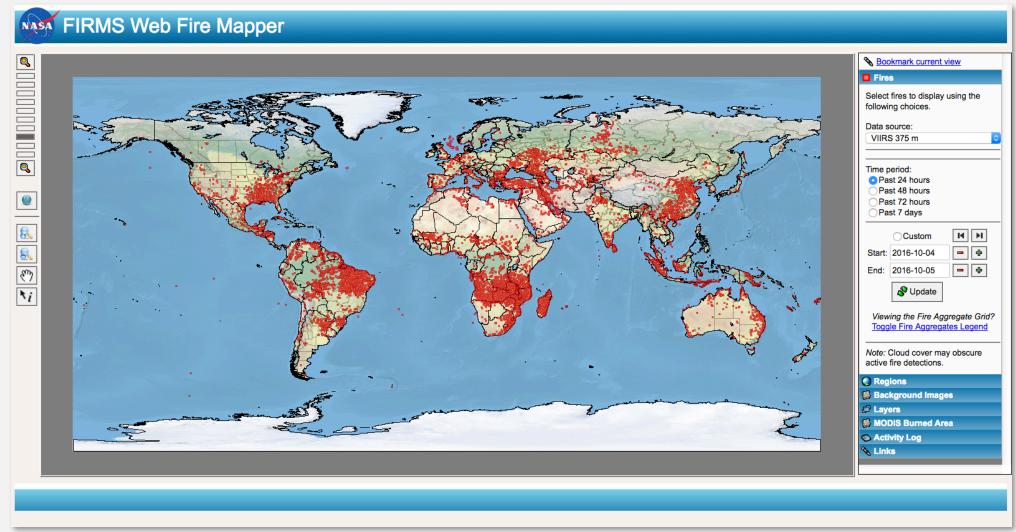


Example of RECOVER interface. Data available for the outlined major Idaho fires includes burned area extent, fire severity, topography, and soil data





FIRMS Web Fire Mapper

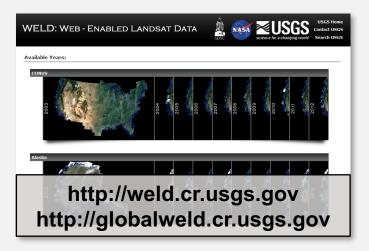




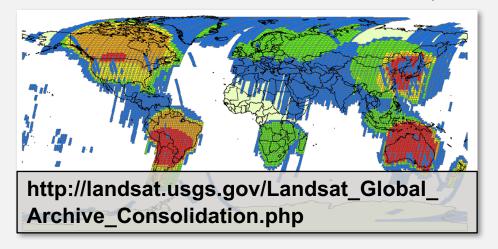


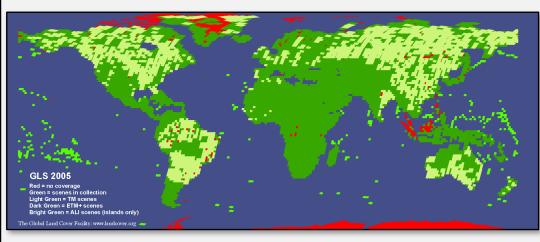
Where to Obtain Landsat Images

WELD



Landsat Global Archive Consolidation (USGS)





- Global Land Survey
- Not a data portal, but a global collection of cloud free Landsat images from 1975-2008.
- Time series include (GLS 1975, GLS 1990, GLS 2000, GLS 2005, GLS 2010)
- Acquire GLS datasets through Earth Explorer, GloVis, and GLCF



Where to Obtain MODIS Products



Fire Information for Resource Management System (FIRMS): https://earthdata.nasa.gov/data/near-real-time-data/firms



MRTWeb: http://mrtweb.cr.usgs.gov



GLCF: http://www.landcover.org/data/lc



GLOVIS: http://glovis.usgs.gov



Data Subsetting and Visualization: Oakridge National Lab DAAC (ORNL DAAC): http://daac.ornl.gov



Visualization, SERVIR: http://www.servirglobal.net/Global/ MapsData/InteractiveMapper.aspx